MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether there is any Meeran-Vettiya Karikagam in the Palode reserve ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member why that Karikagam is known as Meeran-Vettiya Karikagam ?

PRESIDENT : Order, order. That question does not arise out of the question on the paper.

Political pensions.

105. ***MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the details of the political pensions paid by the State ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The time and labour involved do not justify the preparation of the statement required by the member.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I know from the member whether there is any list of pensioners maintained in the Account Office ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Is it possible to place a copy before the Assembly ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : It is a very big volume containing over 600 names and it will take a lot of time for transcription.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether any attempt was made to copy out the statement and place it before the House ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : No attempt was made.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Was it found difficult to copy 600 names ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What was the difficulty ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : It was presumed that it would take a lot of time.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : How much time would it take, according to the member, to copy the list of 600 names with the details asked for ?

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MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Not only the names have to be copied, but also the amount of pension payable and all those things have to be copied.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member what 'all those things' mean?

MR. R NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The names mostly belong to the members of the Royal Family and a description of the family has to be included.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether there is any printed list of names?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member the approximate amount?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Over a lakh of rupees.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): May I know from the member what he means by 'details' in his answer?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Name, surname, house name, the amount payable each month and identification marks.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulm I*): May I know from the member what made him to think that the time and labour involved do not justify the supply of the information asked for?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether the list will be placed on the table, if it is asked for?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes, it will be gladly placed on the table.

Opening of the Thanki Church road.

106. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what steps, if any, they have taken regarding the Thanki Church road from the 16th mile of the Alleppey Aroor road; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that sites have already been surrendered free by the people?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Administrative sanction has been accorded for constructing the first section of the road, *i. e.*, from the 16th mile Alleppey—Aroor road passing the Thanki Church for a distance of 2 miles.

(*b*) No; a written statement has been received from the land-owners expressing their willingness to part with the lands free of cost.

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